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The Christ of the Andes



WILL lift up mine eyes unto the Southland;

Unto the land of the Southern Cross.

Who is He that standeth upon the mountain,

His feet upon the earth which He has created?

Let the people praise Thee, O, Lord;

Let every people praise Thee.

## II.



O, I come! In the volume it is written of me,

I come to bring peace among the nations,

Come, ye faithful, attend unto my cry;

Gather unto me, and be ye girt with strength!

The people in the valleys cry out in their distress,

They seek me blindly and stumble oft,

**B**EHOLD, the daughters of the rich—

They array themselves in choicest apparel,  
They sit upon cushions of silk,  
And feast upon dainty morsels;  
Yet their hearts are a desert, and void,  
For they know not the Way of Life.

**B**EA, consider the daughter of the poor—

She hath no joy that any should envy her,  
Her lines have fallen unto her in grievous places.  
Long and weary is her day of toil,  
And sore beset with beasts of prey.  
From the plains of the rising sun,  
From the slopes of the evening star;  
Yea, from the east and from the west,  
These daughters climb the rugged steeps of light.

**B**EHOLD, I stand upon the mountain top,  
Where brethren, reconciled, have placed me.  
My eyes run to and fro in the earth,  
And I have called unto people afar;  
Yea, even unto thine ear has my voice sounded.  
Come, give unto me thy glory and strength;  
Verily, I will bless thee; and thou shalt be a blessing  
And the nations shall be glad and sing for joy.

### III.

**O**, GOD, Thou art the strength of my heart!  
I have made Thee my refuge  
That I may tell of all Thy mighty works.  
I will lead Thy people like sheep,  
Like a flock in the wilderness will I guide them;  
I will bring them into Thy Sanctuary,  
Even unto the mountain where Thou dwellest.  
So we, Thy people and the sheep of Thy pasture,  
Will give Thee thanks forever;  
We will show forth Thy praise to all generations.

"THE Christ of the Andes" is a bronze statue placed on Aconcagua, the highest mountain of the Andes, between Chile and Argentina. It stands there in commemoration of the peace arbitration which closed a seventy years' quarrel and averted war between the two countries. Señora de Costa, president of the Christian Mothers' Association of Buenos Aires, conceived the idea and, with the other members of the Association, secured the funds. The statue was cast from cannon taken from an ancient fortress. It is so placed that the Christ is looking North—His face towards the United States.

OWING to conditions of ancient origin, South America has had only two classes, the landed aristocracy and the poor; but the coming of industry and commerce and education is building up a strong middle class.

Commerce and immigration are effecting great changes. Three-fourths of all the coffee we drink comes from Brazil and is sweetened with sugar from Argentina. Women and girls of many nationalities work in these industries as well as in the meat packing houses, tanneries, shipping offices and business houses.

Yesterday the women lived very restricted home lives, following minutely the exactions of a deteriorated, old-world form of religion. Today the aristocracy are throwing off religious formality and avowing materialism, and the poor are struggling to escape the evils imposed upon them by perverted religious ideals. As a new middle class emerges will it be materialistic?

or superstitious? or agnostic? Shall we exchange with them merchandise and nothing more? They have much to give us—what have we to give them?

The women of Brazil and Argentina have welcomed cordially the cooperation of the Y. W. C. A. with its business, social, and spiritual help, with its classes, clubs, and lectures, with its readiness to share all that North American women have learned in combatting industrial and social evils in the United States.

The Y. W. C. A. has nine secretaries in South America, two under appointment, and nine more requested. In Buenos Aires, one of the three Association centers, the work is so very cosmopolitan that the boarding department within the year accommodated 617 girls of 16 nationalities.

Miss Bertha Condè, a senior secretary of the National Y. W. C. A., has been visiting South America, conferring with leading women in the different republics as to what will be the most acceptable contribution which the Young Women's Christian Association can make in this particular crisis.

A gentleman who has studied the conditions widely says, "Even with \$50,000,000 and 1,000 secretaries the Young Women's Christian Association could not meet all its opportunities for service in South America."

Which will you give—your money or your life?

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